

Sporre arguably teaches a method for radio frequency measurements including a base station within a cell ordering the mobile units, which are also in the cell, to make signal quality measurements of the downlink BCCH channels of the base stations serving the neighboring cells. See col. 7, lines 60-66.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion on page 2, paragraph 2, lines 3-5, Sporre does not teach one of a main controller and a first base station sending a measurement request to a second base station. According to Fig. 1, Sporre arguably discloses a mobile switching center (MSC) and base stations. However, Sporre provides no indication that the MSC sends a measurement to any base station. Likewise, Sporre provides no teaching that any base station sends a measurement request to any other base station.

Leblanc et al. does not make up for the deficiencies of Sporre. Leblanc et al. arguably teaches a positioning system for use in a wireless communication system, which includes base stations and at least one base station operative to receive calls originating from one or more mobile units in cooperation with a control unit. The control unit receives calls forwarded by the base station, temporarily suspends call processing and generates call information request messages.

While the control unit of Leblanc et al. may arguably receive calls from base stations and generate call information request messages, communication among base stations via the control unit does not teach at least one of a main controller and a first base station sending a measurement request to at least a second base station.

Additionally, although Leblanc et al. arguably discusses the need for a plurality of RF measurements, Leblanc et al. teaches nothing with respect to communication among the base stations and control unit to obtain needed measurements.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 16 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Regarding dependent claims 2-15 and 17-25, these claims are allowable for at least the reasons of their corresponding independent claims.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests removal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-25 are patentable over the relied upon references, and that the application as a whole is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

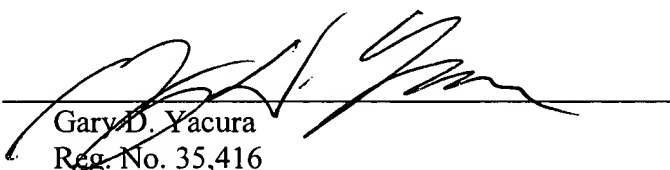
In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2325 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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